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WHAT HOME FOLKS DO AND SAY

Local People and Events Briefly Mentioned and Other Matters of General Interest

Brookfield is having a street carnival this week.

Sweet potato plants for sale by H. B. VanValkenburg.

Fred Hawes has returned from spending a month in Kansas.

Millet seed and kaffir corn for your chickens at Moberly's.

I am in the market for wool and will pay market price. Wm. Kraft.

Sweet separated cream and milk for ice cream for sale by C. M. Burnett.

Dr. J. H. Kittredge, dentist, at Anderson house 25th and 26th of each month.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Botts of Meadville were guests of Laclede relatives Tuesday.

Misses Lena Hetrick and Inez Steele of Brookfield visited Laclede friends Saturday.

Miss Vivian Hurlbut of Brookfield spent Tuesday with Laclede relatives and friends.

Kaffir corn and millet seed will make your chickens grow. For sale by C. C. Moberly.

Try some of our kaffir corn and millet seed for your chickens and watch them grow. C. C. Moberly.

Chickens will not waste their feed if you give them millet seed and kaffir corn. Sold by C. C. Moberly.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Boyles and family of near Linneus were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bigger Tuesday.

The June teachers' examinations will be held in the Laclede school building Friday and Saturday, June 23 and 24.

Elmer Love of Marceline was the guest of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Love, Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Watson of Kansas City are spending a week with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Watson.

Mrs. J. B. Jones and daughters spent a couple of days this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Welsh, near Forker.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. G. Helm have removed from Van Buren to Montay and order the address of their BLADE changed accordingly.

W. E. Burke, who resigned his position with Rummell's last week, has accepted the position of day clerk at the Elliott in Brookfield.

J. R. McLachlan of Kahoka, state grand lecturer for the Masonic order, was a guest of C. C. Bigger, state grand master of that order, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Warner and family of near Meadville spent Tuesday morning with Laclede friends, visiting in Brookfield in the afternoon.

Rev. Watts will fill the regular appointment at the Baptist church Sunday morning and evening. Bible study Saturday evening. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Prayer meeting every Friday evening. All are cordially invited to attend these services.

Mrs. Alice Abbott, state lecturer and organizer for the W. O. T. U., will speak Sunday evening, June 4, at the Christian church on "The Woman of Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow." Admission free and everybody is cordially invited to attend.

M. E. Church Notes

Regular monthly meeting of the official board next Monday night.

Miss Myrtle Harter will lead the League next Sunday night. Topic, "True Wisdom," James 1:5.

Meeting of the Sabbath school board Tuesday night. The "King's Business" requires our best efforts. Let there be a good representation at these meetings.

One hundred eighty-seven in attendance; \$7.40 collection. Two absent teachers. Class 8 banner class for collection. Class 11 for attendance. The Reds are leading by 42 points.

A newsy letter from Bro. Felt, accompanied by a generous contribution for the benevolences of the church, was received this week. Notwithstanding Pete says it's cold up there, he sends his warmest expressions of kindly remembrance to "the best people on earth" in Laclede.

Next Sunday morning the offering for the benevolences for the year will be taken. We have tried to put the cards in the hands of every individual member and family of the church. If you have been overlooked you can get a card Sunday morning. It would be a splendid record to have every member a contributor this year.

We are in receipt of a pair of very unique link cuff buttons and a beautiful pin from Miss Bessie Wells, Vikarabad, India. We assure Miss Bessie that we greatly appreciate this kindly remembrance. They shall only be used on state occasions. We also appreciate her expressions of praise as to the artistic construction of the box in which she received her Christmas presents. Many thanks, Miss Bessie.

To the Voters of Laclede School District
Our school property needs repairing. The assembly hall, primary room and one recitation room need reseating. The school board has no funds with which to do this work and we are asking the voters of the district to decide the matter.

The boys and girls in the high school and the primary department are using desks that are more than thirty years old. The seats are rickety and are falling to pieces. They are improperly constructed and unsanitary. Modern and sanitary seats are needed.

Are you willing that our boys and girls should have these advantages?

If you are paying taxes on \$1,000.00 valuation (and the vast majority are not paying on much more than half this amount) it will only cost two dollars extra tax and this will put our school property in first-class condition.

Don't you think it is right for us to give the very best opportunities possible to the school children of Laclede?

The election will be held in the public school building and you are invited to examine for yourselves before you vote.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Tracy came over from Shelby Wednesday night and Mr. Tracy yesterday took charge of the local telephone exchange, which he traded for a few days ago.

Savage & Rankin is the combination for all real estate, loans and insurance. The best money and best terms. Place your business with them. They are from Missouri and can show you.

TOWN AND COUNTRY IN BRIEF

Local Events of The Past Week Recorded For Busy Blade Readers.

A number of Laclede "fans" have been attending the ball games at Brookfield the past week. Brookfield now has a first class team.

Regular meeting of Laclede lodge Modern Brotherhood of America Saturday night of this week. This is a very important meeting as three delegates are to be elected to the district meeting to be held at Hamilton on the fifth of next month. There is also other important business to come up and every member is urged to be present next Saturday night.

Chapter R, P. E. O., met last Wednesday afternoon at the pleasant home of Mrs. Caywood. Almost the entire membership was present. The lesson, "constitution quiz," led by Mrs. Ida Benson, proved both interesting and instructive, after which the dainty refreshments served by the hostess and her charming daughter, Miss Vivian, were most thoroughly enjoyed by all. Misses Myrtle and Gertrude McCoy, Florence Ormsby and Gussie Belle Bruns were guests of the afternoon.

Rev. Powell preached a splendid sermon to the old soldiers Sunday, attended by the members of the local G. A. R. post in a body. Tuesday morning the graves of the old comrades in the country cemeteries were decorated and in the afternoon the graves in the Laclede cemetery were strewn with flowers and the ritual service was read. The old veterans are rapidly dropping out of the ranks and the number in line this year was smaller than ever, but those who have passed on are not forgotten, and those who yet survive will always be as kindly remembered by a grateful nation.

Prof. E. O. Watkins of Cameron has been employed as superintendent of the Laclede public schools for the coming year. Mr. Watkins is a graduate of Missouri Wesleyan college and has spent two years in special work at Missouri university. He comes highly recommended as a teacher of mathematics and science. Miss Della Andrews of Sumner, a successful teachers of several years' experience, will teach the fifth and sixth grades, Miss Goins being transferred to the third and fourth grades to take the place of Miss Daisy Rankin, who has accepted a position in the Hamilton schools.

In the BLADE today will be found a very interesting letter from Miss Elizabeth J. Wells, missionary to India. We have also two letters from Miss Ruth Partridge and Miss Mildred Simonds, giving other phases of life and conditions in India, which will be published soon. The circuit court docket for the June term, to be held at Linneus next week, is given in full. Some information about school conditions in Laclede will interest the patrons of our splendid schools. Our new serial, "The Ring and the Man," by Cyrus Townsend Brady, starts in this issue and if you enjoy good fiction you will not want to miss a line of it. You will find the advertisements today worth reading, and we have our usual batch of correspondence from Forker, as well as the usual amount of local news. If you have a friend who would enjoy reading the paper, just pass it along.

Some Evening Reveries.

There is no fault so hard to overcome as a hasty temper. We may make any number of good resolutions, and then the first time we have any provocation away we go without an instant's warning and before we realize what we are doing the unkind words have been spoken, and no matter how much regret we feel they cannot be unsaid.

There are a thousand pretty, engaging little ways, which every person may put on without running the risk of being deemed affected or foppish. The sweet smiles, the cordial bow, the earnest movement in addressing a friend, the inquiring glance, the graceful attention which is so captivating when united with self-possession—these will insure us the good regards of even a churl. Above all, there is a certain softness of manner which should be cultivated, and which, in either man or woman, adds a charm that almost entirely compensates for lack of beauty, and inestimably enhances the latter where it does exist.

Time was when woman was described as the helpmeet of man. Was it only a phrase, and meaningless? Possibly; but then, words in the Bible mostly did mean some thing. The time, too, was and yet is in some quarters of the world, when a woman was a helpmeet, and accepted and worked up to her position as such. She did not demand everything and do nothing. Why is marriage easy and universal in such a country as Japan? Life there is simple, two or three small rooms, a few dishes, a mat upon which to sleep, one dress, a little rice and some fruit—these suffice for all, rich and poor alike, in a great city like Yeddo, which has a civilization as perfect and as old as ours. And it is not a life of stupidity or barbarism; all can read and write; manners are good; books and pictures are plenty; theaters abound; processions and festival days enliven life. It is easy to see, therefore, why marriage is not a fearful thing in that far-off land; and by contrast it is easy to understand why few have the courage to dare it here.

Let our homes be places of love, joy and brightest sunshine, places of enduring love that outlasts the wedding day, and which produces a life of one long unbroken honeymoon, the molding place of character, a place where the child breathes an atmosphere perfumed by the choicest flowers of heaven, where it finds the greatest earthly security in mother's loving, fostering care.

Avoid unkind criticism. If a life be pure, let all oddities alone. If you are convinced that a not over-brilliant young man is trying to live a clean life and make an honest record in the world, don't pick him to pieces in your after-party talks, even if he is a little bit of a bore or a trifle close or rather prosy. A pure man is better than a brilliant man any day, and truth and honor make a better crown than cleverness and wit. Set your aim in this world toward the making of happy hearts and homes, as the woman spoken of in the play, "Clito," who "made the grass a little greener for her foot passing over it." Strive not so much to be admired as to be loved, and seek to awaken that love in the "little ones," whom the Master especially commended to our care.

SHORT PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Brief Mention of Those Who Come and Go During the Week

Mrs. Cofer Collins of Monett is visiting Laclede friends.

Irwin Will visited home folk at Bethel from Saturday to Tuesday.

Dr. and Mrs. T. D. Fawcette visited friends in Chillicothe Tuesday.

Mrs. R. W. Mitchell of Sumner is spending the week with Laclede friends.

M. G. Tracy of Mystic, Iowa, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. Eccles Friday.

Max Jones of Aurora, Ills., spent the first of the week with home folk at "The Oaks."

Miss Louella Shoup of Meadville was the guest of Mrs. Clyde Dale the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Tracy of Meadville were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. Eccles Saturday.

C. T. Stutsman of Marceline spent Sunday with his daughter, Mrs. Ida Phillips, and family.

Miss Lola Brown returned the first of the week from a visit with relatives at Excelsior Springs.

Miss Willeta Moberly returned Saturday from a visit with her grandparents at Galt and Milan.

Paul S. Lomax went to Warrensburg Monday to attend the summer course at the state normal school.

Mrs. Minnie Jarvis of Morning Sun, Iowa, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. R. Hawes, and family.

Dr. Katherine VanValkenburg of field was the guest of her father, Dr. Z. T. Standly, and family, Tuesday.

Mrs. Mary Meredith came down from Chillicothe and spent Tuesday afternoon with Laclede friends.

Mrs. C. L. Moulton of Burlington, Iowa, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Maybee this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. O'Neal came up from Kansas City Sunday for a visit with Laclede relatives and friends.

Mrs. I. H. Linhart and children of Brookfield spent Tuesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Childress.

Miss Helen VanValkenburg of Trenton is the guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. VanValkenburg.

John Sissell and sisters, Misses Barbara and Kate, of near Meadville, observed Memorial day with Laclede friends.

Elbert Kailer and Ernest Harter of Naperville, Ill., were guests of Misses Virginia Kraft and Roxana Rankin Tuesday.

Percy Markham and Walter Cramer of Brookfield were guests of Misses Loreta Clay and Kathryn Brown Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Mabel Kraft, Latin teacher in Laclede high school, left Tuesday for Kirksville, where she will spend three months at the state normal school.

Misses Grace Wilson and Kathryn Harter returned home Friday night. Miss Harter again this year ranked first among the piano students at William Wood college.

Mrs. Fred Baetz and children, Max and Miss Hattie, who were visiting Mrs. Baetz's father, Joseph Mathiasch, and other Laclede relatives, left Tuesday for their home at Slater.

Building Lots

I have several choice building lots for sale. M. P. Benson.